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**MESSAGE** Re: Proposed agenda for interview

Discussion of attached proposed claim with respect to the cited Hashimoto references (same reference) and the Barrett reference. Specifically, the first computer and the network device recited in the claims are remote from each other, i.e., separated by a network. Barrett shows that NED 1001 is directly attached to printer 102. Likewise, the Hashimoto references show a similar non-remote arrangement. Also, it is unclear from the rejection how the references show "processing" of stored status information and the generation of a period usage report, and recited in amended Claim 1.

Application No. 10/660,527
Preliminary Amended Claim 1 for discussion with Examiner


1. (Currently Amended)  A method of monitoring at least ne network device communicatively coupled to a network comprising:

~~accessing the at least one network device by a first computer to obtain device status~~ obtaining, by a first computer, remote from the at least one network device, device information of the at least one network device, the device information including (1) status information obtained from sensors of the at least one network device and (2) a device identification;

~ storing the obtained device ~~status~~ information;

~~periodically~~ processing the stored ~~status~~ device information to generate a period usage report for the at least one network device;

transmitting the usage report from the first computer to a second computer; and

receiving the usage report by the second computer.